



State of Vermont
Vermont Department of Education
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**THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT:
CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 1511**

As Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Education, I hereby certify pursuant to Division A, Title XV, Subtitle A, Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Public Law 111-5, that the infrastructure investments listed below funded with amounts appropriated by ARRA under the titles: “ARRA IDEA B (611), ARRA IDEA Preschool (619), and ARRA IDEA Part C” have received the full review and vetting required by the law and that I accept responsibility that such investments are appropriate uses of taxpayer dollars.

I further certify that the specific information required by Section 1511 concerning each project description of the investment, the estimated costs, and the amount of the ARRA funds are posted on the Vermont Department of Education’s Web site at <http://education.vermont.gov> and specifically, on the Web page http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/recovery_act.html#letters that is dedicated to IDEA ARRA information.

Project: Burlington School District (15)

Description (1): 60 REDCAT Sound field systems to meet the needs of 367 K-12 IEP students who require additional sound field enhancement to access auditory information in multiple classrooms.

Estimated Total Cost: \$60,000.00

Amount of ARRA Funds: \$60,000.00

Description (2): Increase accessibility to outside play structure for disabled students through purchase/installation of rubberized aggregate compound for play area footing and purchase interactive play store front panel and marble race play panel to enhance interactive play capacity for disabled students on IEPs.

Estimated Total Cost: \$9,000.00

Amount of ARRA Funds: \$9,000.00

Description (3): Purchase an elevator for Edmunds Middle School. EMS is a 3 story (and basement with classrooms) 109 year old building. Three neighborhood elementary schools feed into EMS. Currently, IEP students who are unable to access classrooms in their neighborhood building with stairs due to their disabilities cannot attend EMS. This means they cannot continue in 6th grade with their non disabled classmates. They have to be transported from their neighborhood on the south side of town to another neighborhood on the north side of town to attend Hunt Middle School (HMS) which is a one story building. IDEA B ARRA funds would allow these students to attend their neighborhood school and have a free and appropriate education in the least restrictive environment. This project will improve the education for these students by allowing them to attend their local school with their school mates.

Estimated Total Cost: \$300,000.00

Amount of ARRA Funds: \$300,000.00



I understand that a state or local agencies may not use ARRA IDEA infrastructure investment funding unless this certification is made and posted.

Signed this 30th day of September, 2009

Armando Vilaseca
Commissioner, Vermont Department of Education